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SUBJECT: US VISIT OF PRESIDENT BONGO'S WIFE

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1. LOCAL TEMPLESMAN REP ALBERT AUCLAIR, REPORTED TODAY THAT MRS BONGO AND A SUITE OF TEN WILL DEPART SEPTEMBER 4 FOR THE UNITED STATES. TEMPLESMAN NEW YORK OFFICE MAKING ARRANGEMENTS AND WE HAVE ONLY SKETCHY DETILS.

2. MRS BONGO'S PARTY WILL PROBABLY ARRIVE NEW YORK SEPTEMBER 5 VIA THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL AIRCRAFT. THE FOLLOWING AFTERNOON THEY WILL DRIVE TO PHILADELPHIA. MRS BONGO IS SCHEDULED FOR SURGERY SEPTEMBER 7 AND TO REMAIN IN THE HOSPITAL ABOUT THREE DAYS. SHE AND HER PARTY WILL PROBABLY DEPART THE US SEPTEMBER 10. TEMPLESMAN NEW YORK OFFICE SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT MORE SPECIFICS.

3. DURING AMBASSADOR STEIGMAN'S FAREWELL CALL ON PRESIDENT BONGO AUGUST 19, BONGO SAID HE WOULD REQUEST USG TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR HIS WIFE WHEN FINAL ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR HER TRIP. WE EXPECT A TELEPHONE CALL FROM THE PRESIDENCY TO THIS EFFECT AFTER PRESIDENT AND MRS BONGO RETURN TO LIBREVILLE FROM FRANCEVILLE
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LATER TODAY. I WOULD LIKE TO BE IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE ASSURANCES ABOUT SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR MRS BONGO. PLEASE ADVISE. YATES

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